

Subject Micro unit dwellings authorized at sacred communities

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Overview

This bill sets requirements for placing permanent micro unit dwellings surrounding a religious institution as a sacred community for housing the chronically homeless or extremely low-income individuals and designated volunteers. It enumerates technical standards for such units and communities.

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1	[327.30] Sacred communities and micro unit dwellings.
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Defines terms and requirements for micro units placed in sacred communities in order to be authorized dwellings under this section.

Subd. 1. Definitions. Provides definitions for the section, including that “sacred community” means a residential settlement on the grounds of a religious institution’s primary worship location primarily for the purpose of providing permanent housing for chronically homeless or extremely low-income persons and designated volunteers approved by the religious institution.

Subd. 2. Dwelling in micro units in sacred communities authorized. Authorizes religious institutions to provide permanent housing in sacred communities composed of micro units.

Subd. 3. Sacred community requirements. Sets requirements for sacred communities, including housing designated volunteers, providing residents access to utilities, carrying appropriate insurance, approving plans for how the community will function, receiving municipal approval, and complying with landlord and tenant laws.

Subd. 4. Micro unit requirements. Lays out technical standards for micro units to be eligible for placement in a sacred community, including rules and standards related to size, anchoring, grade of materials, insulation, toilets, electrical systems, framing, and life and safety systems. Requires all units and their

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anchoring be inspected and certified for compliance with these technical standards by a licensed professional engineer or qualified third-party inspector. Stipulates the need to comply with any rules related to utility connections and setback requirements.

Effective date: This section is effective January 1, 2024.



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